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Filing Date	11/25/2003
First Named Inventor	Ouederni
Art Unit	1733
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Attorney Docket Number	2000-16 CIP2

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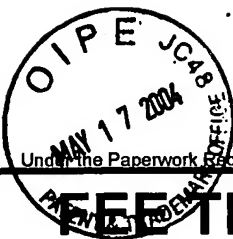
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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## SUBMITTED BY

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
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Art Unit: 1733  
Applicant: Mabrouk Ouederni/Paul Latten  
Serial No: 10/721,964  
Filed: November 25, 2003  
Title: Air-Laid Web with Hollow Synthetic Fibers

Charlotte, North Carolina  
May 14, 2004

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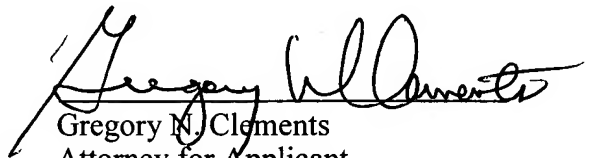
On April 30, 2004 I sent you a renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) was sent to the U. S. Patent Office seeking to file the above identified application in the name of the inventors as listed above. The problem was that Mr. Ouederni had left the company and stated that he was moving to Tunisia. No one had heard from him as was set forth in my renewed petition. In the interim (May 5, 2004), Mr. Ouederni sent Dr. Geoffrey Scantlebury an e-mail message stating where he could now be reached. A FedEx package having the formal papers therein was immediately shipped to Mr. Ouederni who was in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Ouederni has subsequently signed the papers and returned them to us via FedEx. We now provide you with these papers.

In light of these brief facts, it is evident that the petition to renew under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) filed November 25, 2003 is no longer necessary. We now know where Mr. Ouederni is and how to contact him.

After speaking with Mr. Shanoski on May 11, 2004 he indicated that the petition had been granted. However, he indicated that if the enclosed papers were received, he would withdraw the grant, and drop the Petition to Renew so that the application is no longer a 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) application.

In view of the formal papers, and of the copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Ouederni (not required, but for your inspection), it is now believed that the above-identified patent application is ready for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Assignment
- Declaration in Copending Application
- Copy of letter to Mabrouk Ouederni

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Re: Patent Application Serial #10/721,964  
*AIR LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW SYNTHETIC FIBERS*  
Our File Docket #2000/16-CIP2

Dear Dr. Ouederni:

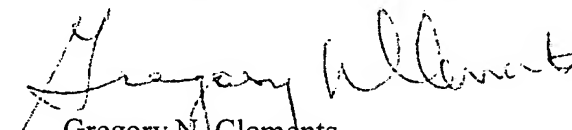
Enclosed is an Assignment as well as a Declaration in Copending Application to be executed by you regarding the above referenced matter. A copy of the Application is also enclosed.

Please sign where indicated, date and have your signature witnessed on the Assignment. A self-addressed, pre-paid Federal Express label is included for return of these documents.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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